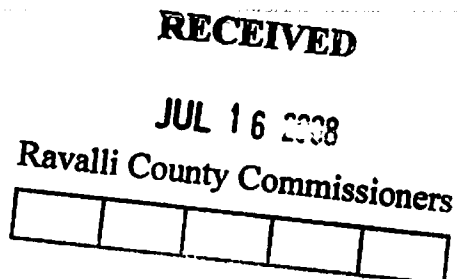


**Glenda Wiles**

**From:** chupnerd@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2008 6:33 PM  
**To:** Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** Open Burn Season



Dear County Commissioners,

We compose this letter while the wind howls, firefighters are on a fire in the southern portion of Ravalli County and open burn season is still in session.

We have had a near perfect winter, spring and early summer. Too many times we have seen this scenario ruined by open burn season staying open too long. Apparently, yesterday 3 human caused fires were started in the Darby area. The lasting fire has been named "Tin Cup 2", this is not a comforting name.

Walking the pavement in Hamilton does not give one a clear picture of the dryness of our hills. If you need persuasion to close open burn then go on a hike on one of our many beautiful trails.

As active voters in Ravalli County and active members of our community we implore you to stop the open burning for this season. At this point it serves no purpose other than to gamble with disaster.

Kind Regards,  
Samantha O'Byrne  
Steve Elie  
Corvallis, MT

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